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## Cyclists plan for downtown bike lane

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The Salisbury City Council officially approved an ordinance last month allowing for the construction of the Orange Route, a bike path that would run from Salisbury University to the city's downtown area. The route is set for completion sometime this fall.

Proposed by architect and bike-SBY founder Matthew Drew, the \$25,000 project marks Phase One of the local organization's ultimate plan to establish bike routes throughout the city to make Salisbury a bicycle-friendly community.

Drew performed a study on potential bicycle commuters as part of a continuing education course at SU, and found that nearly 3,800 people could bike to school or work. Of those potential cyclists, 1,260 were off-campus SU students.

"This is a critical issue," Drew said, adding that many SU commuters face congestion when traveling to school because so many people are traveling in the same direction.

Salisbury City Mayor Jim Ireton said the route, which will run across Camden Avenue and Waverly Drive, corresponds with the goals of his "Revitalization" project by connecting SU and the local community.

"This is about a bigger and broader theme," Ireton said. "It's a step towards becoming more progressive."

An avid cyclist himself, Ireton promised that he and SU President Janet Dudley-Eshbach would be the first to ride along the lane at its opening.

Over half of the cost will be covered through a grant from the Maryland Department of Transportation. Other sources of funding included Sea Gull Century, SU and city grants. Additionally, bike-SBY will cover any additional costs through group fundraising.

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## Candidates talk student debt

BY PETE HICKS  
*Editor-in-Chief*

As economic recession drives up the cost of tuition, a weak job market is forcing college students to take a closer look at their prospects for the future.

The graduating class of 2011 was the most indebted class to have ever left the U.S. higher education system, according to TIME magazine. Government policy at both the national and state level contributed to the rising cost of college and subsequently the debt of students.

States reduced subsidies for higher education as their funds ran dry and the federal government heavily subsidized loan and grant programs for students, encouraging more people to go to college and take on debt, said Dustin Chambers, an economics professor in the Perdue School of Business.

With the actions of the government directly affecting the price of being a college student, this coming election gives an opportunity for young people to exercise control over their bank account.

The youth turnout rate rose to 52 percent in the last election, with young people favoring President Obama by a rate of more than two to one, according to The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement.

The power of the youth vote has proven to be a valuable asset. To try and capture that vote both candidates have proposed, and in the case of Obama enacted policy regarding education. President Obama and Governor Romney will each affect tuition and the job

market with differing policies, and SU will not be immune to the changes.

Obama has reached out to college students with his "Pay As You Earn" plan. The plan would allow borrowers to reduce their monthly payments from 15 to 10 percent and the balance of the debt would be forgiven after 20 years of payments, rather than 25.

"I know you're hearing stories from friends and classmates and siblings who are struggling to find work, and you're wondering what's in store for your future. And I know that can be scary," Obama said at a speech to students at Colorado University, Denver.

Obama has increased the number of Pell Grant recipients from six to nine million and both created and extended the American Opportunity Tax Credit, which can offer up to \$10,000 over four years of education. He also created the Community College to Career Fund that gives special grants to support community colleges.

Funding all of these programs could have lasting consequences on the economy.

"Boosting government subsidies may increase long-term economic growth (in the form of a more educated work force)," Chambers said. "But it does so at the expense of private property rights, forcing existing and future tax-payers to foot the bill for current students."

While Romney has not had the power to affect large scale change in the world of higher education, he has stated officially through his campaign that he believes post-secondary education should not



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Adora Bowman graphic

## Goodbye Caruthers, Hello Academic Commons: SU finalizes plans on relocating and updating the library

BY SARAH KRAUSS  
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Salisbury University will begin demolition on Caruthers Hall during summer of 2013 followed by the construction of a new \$114 million 'Academic Commons' breaking ground the summer of 2014, as part of renovation and expansion plan that has been in the works for the past five years.

The 200,000-plus square foot library will be built in the current location of Caruthers Hall, to prevent taking the library completely offline without any resources for students. The construction is planned to finish by summer 2016 and the building will open the following fall semester.

Eric Berkheimer, Associate Vice President of Facilities & Capital Management, said the location's proximity to Route 13 will benefit potential students looking at SU and attract more community members, who will also have access to the library.

"We obviously have seen positive increases in enrollment since constructing TETC, Perdue and some other dorms like Sea Gull Square," Berkheimer said.

The library will be supported by a combination of state and donor funds, with roughly \$10-\$15 million designated for design fees and \$90 million for construction, including archival mechanical systems and superstructure details.

The new location was specifically chosen so the library would be the center of academic life, nestled between the other academic buildings and allowing entry from both the Route 13 side and Red Square, Berkheimer said.

"Caruthers has outlived its useful life," Berkheimer said. "It's not set up for technology."

The 'Academic Commons,' as the new library is often called by President Janet Dudley-Eshbach, will house new resources such as a 400-seat auditorium, graduate student materials to



Justin Odenhal photo

Junior Nick Calkins assists students at the reference desk in the soon to be relocated Blackwell Library.

assist with creating theses and a café that will be a cross between Cool Beans and Gulls Nest.

Among current resources that are being relocated to the building are the Center for Student Achievement, the IT Helpdesk, the Naab Research Center and the University Writing Center.

University Writing Center Assistant Director Jessica Weber said one of the biggest issues with the current writing center is space and privacy for student sessions.

"The new location will be a good thing because it is by other student resources," Weber said. "It is ideal for the Writing Center to stand independently with more small tables and group rooms to help students who need that flexibility."

The current library supports the population of students from 30 years ago. The new library will be equipped for the student population with room to grow in accordance to state requirements of population, Berkheimer said.

Faculty resources have also been incorporated in the design plans, including a board room for smaller meetings and support spaces for professors to work on their curricula.

Along with the plans for a new building, the destruction of Caruthers will displace the NPR

student radio and ROTC.

Senior and ROTC MSIV Emily Klinkenborg said although professors are still discussing where they will move to, she is glad they are leaving Caruthers.

"The program is expanding, so we definitely need more room but we also need a space that looks better," Klinkenborg said. "When high school seniors visit SU and see that our program is run out of a little room in a torn down building, it's just embarrassing."

Of all the changes under discussion for the new library, the plans are still focused on the students' academic success with broader access to historical documents, greater space for stacks and integration of technology. Berkheimer said the new building will have the longest hours on campus, being open 24 hours a day.

The potential for building a stronger community with local city residents is also appealing to some. Weber said she likes the idea of community members and students working effectively in one space. "If there is no one around then it's like being at home-just with a lot of books around," Weber said.

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## SU president recognized as most admired CEO

BY MARIAH WAUL  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University President, Janet Dudley-Eshbach was named one of Maryland's Most Admired CEOs and the only university president named in the group of 30 CEOs chosen by the Baltimore newspaper, The Daily Record.

Dudley-Eshbach's journey began as a Ph.D. candidate, then as a faculty member at El Colegio de Mexico. Living in an unfamiliar environment created a strong foundation for her personal and professional growth.

"Living in Mexico was challenging. I learned to develop compassion for others, to appreciate diversity, and to appreciate perspective," Dudley-Eshbach said. "These were all the factors in arriving at the best decisions."

These decisions allowed her 12-year initiative to improve diversity amongst faculty and staff when she came to SU's campus and to maintain the student/teacher ratio even as the university continues to grow, to ensure that Salisbury maintains its small school atmosphere, she said.

Before becoming SU's first female president in June 2000, Dudley-Eshbach was the first woman to hold the office of president at any four year public institution in the state of West Virginia while presiding over the faculty, staff and students at Fairmont State University.

Her experience at FSU proved to expand upon her personality, she said. "I tried to conform to the mold of what a busi-

ness professional should be, but I am a fun-loving, old school hippy, a people lover," Dudley-Eshbach said. "I had to learn to express that despite my position."

Dudley-Eshbach said having the longest tenure of any president in the University System of Maryland, her accessibility and comfort in her position can also be attributed to longevity.

Her tenure has included increasing SU's selectivity, increasing its building programs and improving its respectability in various regions of the state.

Dudley-Eshbach maintains that her achievements are a reflection of the coordination and cooperation amongst the entire university community. She said her achievements were aided by an inspirational group of faculty and staff members who have had a significant impact on making sure that the campus remains as a progressive, cohesive unit.

"It's truly a humbling experience, but so many people work as hard," Dudley-Eshbach said. "Salisbury is strong because of its employees and students."

Dudley-Eshbach emphasized the importance of faculty, staff and students to the success of the university and her own success; a position which is understood and supported by her colleagues.

The sentiments were mutual among staff and faculty at SU.

"For faculty members and the staff, she has been open to many opportunities," communications Professor Bryan Horikami

said, who Dudley-Eshbach noted as a staff member who has also worked to improve community. "The Salisbury Promise was something that she established to remind our students that we live in a community that is a part of a larger system."

Some of Dudley-Eshbach's future initiatives include constructing the new Academic Commons, which will include a new library, and provide space for additional recreational spaces for student athletic programs. She said she hopes to continue to see growth with her first initiative to improve upon the university's diversity and inclusiveness.

Dudley-Eshbach's achievements have also contributed to her being named as one of Maryland's Top 100 women by the same business publication, The Daily Record, and has proven to her reputation as being a bold, creative, risk-taker by the business community to be true.

"Throughout all of the years, I continue to be energized by my job and I derive pleasure from the successes of the faculty and the students," Dudley-Eshbach said.

In regards to the ceremony that will be held on Sept. 13 at the Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor, Dudley-Eshbach said that the award goes beyond her recognition and her accomplishments.

"This award, like others, isn't about me. It is symbolic of the status of the university," Dudley-Eshbach said. "I am fortunate to be here."

## New dean plans for "Library 2.016"

BY ALEX ROULAC AND  
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In July, Salisbury University hired former William and Mary Special Collections Director Beatriz Hardy as the new Dean of Libraries and Instructional Resources to oversee the transition from Blackwell Library to the new Academic Commons set to open August 2016, which will encompass the library as well as a variety of other student and faculty services.

SU Provost Diane Allen said Hardy's experience as both a library administrator and a history scholar will help her to see the goals of the library from several perspectives.

"We expect her expertise and vision to have a major impact on this 21st century project, one of the most significant in the history of the University," Allen said in a school press release. "She will make a visible qualitative difference in this architectural icon of the campus."

This year, Hardy is currently gathering a task force to plan and begin to make changes for what she dubs the "Library 2.016" project. They will need to anticipate staff changes as well as physical arrangements and what Hardy describes as an overall "change of focus."

"The new library is more than just new facilities," Hardy said. "We can't just take everything we have here and plop it into the new building."

The team will visit other institutions, attend conferences and read related literature in order to develop the best plan for the library. The library is currently awaiting state approval for construction bids, which will allow them to con-

tinue working on the physical layout of the building.

In addition to the new building, state funds will allow for new technology and furnishings. Hardy added that a private donor will allow for the purchase of some new collections; however, the library will continue to primarily depend on Interlibrary Loan to provide up-to-date reading material to students, adding that this is the most realistic option for now.

"It's a sign of the times," Hardy said, noting that most universities are following the same trend.

"Even Harvard is cutting back on book purchasing."

However, Hardy does not expect that this will keep her from focusing on what she believes is one of the most important parts of college education: student research. She plans to work closely with faculty to help them incorporate more academic research into their lessons.

"One of the things I did put a lot of emphasis on at

William and Mary was working with faculty on using library resources for their classes," Hardy said. "I think also because I was a history professor, I can see things from a faculty member's point of view."

To promote research in the classroom, Hardy is working closely with the Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, which will eventually move to the new library. Nabb Director



Amanda Biederman photo  
New Dean of Libraries Beatriz Hardy looks through the stacks at Blackwell.

Ray Thompson said that the center currently works with some classes, such as Chesapeake History and World Civilizations; however, he hopes that with the new location they will see more students take advantage of Nabb's resources, which include original sources and records. A history professor himself, Thompson said he believes Hardy's background will help Nabb reach more students.

"(Hardy) has a great enthusiasm for what Nabb stands for," Thompson said. "She's a great fit for what we're doing." As for now, Hardy hopes to continue to encourage students to take advantage of the library, noting that she is happy to see so many students at Blackwell each day.

"It's clearly an important resource on campus," Hardy said. "It's going to be an even better resource in four years."

## TUITION

be luxury reserved for the few and that students should have the opportunity to attend any institution that suits their needs, "whether it is public or private, traditional or online," according to his website.

Romney has worked to improve higher education in Massachusetts by proposing a scholarship plan that provides free four-year tuition to the top 25 percent of students in the state. He also defended rigorous testing standards to graduate high school during his time as governor.

If he becomes president, he has stated that he plans to raise visas caps for highly skilled workers and give permanent residency to immigrants with degrees in math, science and engineering. Romney will also push for job training opportunities that allow students to become more prepared to enter the workforce.

Romney plans to do all of this while also capping government spending at 20 percent of the Gross Domestic Product.

"If access to federal loans are curtailed, tuition growth should slow. However, if federal funding to universities or states declines, this may pressure colleges to raise tuitions," said Chambers. "If Mitt Romney both reduces access to federal loans and cuts federal funds going to universities, the effects would be partially offset."

Both candidates have made education a priority as the U.S. is faced with a tougher global economy where an educated workforce is necessary to compete. It is up to the students affected by these plans to make informed decisions about not only their own futures, but also the future of the nation.

## CYCLISTS

Meanwhile, other potential bike lane projects could include College Avenue, Smith Street and Riverside Drive, all of which could potentially incorporate a bike lane. SU recently opened a lane on Bateman Street as well.

Bike Friendly Maryland Program Co-

ordinator Anna Kelso noted in a community meeting last June that with these routes, cyclists and drivers should be aware of traffic safety laws involving bikes. The Motor Vehicle Administration has published guidelines for both cyclists and motorists on the road:

**Traffic Laws for Motorists:**  
-The driver of a vehicle must not pass any closer than three feet to a bicycle if the bicycle is operated in a lawful manner.  
-The bicycle has the right of way when the motor vehicle is making a turn.  
-When riding on a sidewalk or a bike path a bicyclist may ride in a crosswalk to continue on their route.

**Traffic Laws for Bicyclists:**  
-Maryland's traffic laws apply to bicycles.  
-Bicycles are not permitted on any roads where the speed limit is more than 50 miles per hour or higher.

-A person riding a bicycle shall ride as close to the right side of the road as practicable and safe unless necessary.  
-Where there is a bike lane, a person must use those and not ride a bicycle in the roadway unless necessary.  
-A person cannot carry anything that prevents them from keeping both hands on the handlebars or that interferes with the view or balance of their bicycle.

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## Overheard: How did you survive the Flood?

Photos by Steven Cennane



"I danced in the rain."  
-Anna Ophelia, Junior



"I don't live on campus."  
-Aidan Sharma, Freshman



"I walked in the rain and chilled at my house."  
-Jen Bon, Senior



"All my books got wet."  
-Kyle Bridenstine, Sophomore



"Rainboots and umbrellas."  
-Christina Sullivan, Freshman



How to be the perfect party host

BY ABIGAIL COLBY  
Party Girl Problems Columnist

Hosting a party comes with its advantages and disadvantages. In many ways, you are taking one for the team, accepting that this position comes with the risk of having to deal with people uncontrollably vomiting, crazy cops, hoards of freshmen, dance floor brawls, holes in the wall, stolen iPods, stolen liquor and stolen sleeping time.

This being said, making the brave and admirable decision to host a banger of your own comes with a hefty list of perks too. For the

gents, there's no easier way to get a gal up to your room than her already being at your house (although there are no guarantees for what will happen once she's up there), and ladies, if the creep at the party just won't leave you alone, you have every right to have him removed by some of your male party guests. The party is your oyster when you host one of your own, and the possibilities are essentially endless. However, there is such thing as a bad party host, which can seriously throw off the vibe of a party with potential. Read these tips to make sure you are the best party host you can be for your next shindig.

1. Establish some ground-rules with the roomies (but not TOO many)

Make sure to have a preparty sit down, where you discuss a plan of action for anything unexpected that may occur (this is Salisbury after all). Have an established way of handling ex-boyfriends and girlfriends, sketchy 30-year-old locals, mean girls and if too many people show up, and you'll end up with a solid banger that isn't crazy crowded. What if one of the housemates is being more of a Buzzkill Bertie than a Partying Peter? Explain to them that you will make every effort to hide their belongings BEFORE the party, and you'll leave them out of any legal troubles or noise violations you encounter. When brings me to my next point...

2. Be Polite. To everyone.

Yes, this includes the freshmen puking in your backyard and the five chicks that have been in the bathroom for about five hours. While having people over can prove to be a hassle, remember that you've been a guest at countless parties yourself, and there's no need to make enemies on a night that should be full of jolly good fun. Need someone to leave? Pull them aside and explain your reasoning nicely, even if they're falling over. Need someone to leave, like, NOW? Get a few close friends to help you escort them out, but no need to cause a scene. Other than that, take shots with some acquaintances, cheer a stranger, help a good looking guest get a glass down, and even give the crying drunk girl on your front porch a pep

talk. This is YOUR party!

3. Practice your introductions

For those of you who haven't seen Breakfast at Tiffany's, I must highly recommend it. Not only is it a great movie, but Holly Golightly emulates everything a great host(ess) should be. Fun and carefree, yet serious about making sure her guests are enjoying themselves. She is an expert mingler, not only making sure she speaks to every single one of her guests, but that her guests are speaking to each other. Best way go about this trick? Introductions! Allow me to demonstrate...

You: Hello Alex! So glad you could come! Have you met my friend Alicia? Alex plays on the soccer team with my boyfriend, and Alicia is in the Turtle Lovers Club with me. Alicia, you look like you need a refill on that beer. Alex, would you mind?

See? Get friends talking to friends and next thing you know your running a first class rager.

4. Don't forget to have a good time yourself.

This is YOUR party. Be fun, be free, and don't get hung up on much (you can figure it out in the morning). Invite your crush, spend time sipping good drinks with good friends, and it'll be hard to have a night that isn't one to remember.

## The Jersey Shore is no more



BY TYLER GRAY  
Staff Writer

I'm sure by now most of us have heard, and celebrated, the fact that hit television show "Jersey Shore" is in its final season.

After five previous seasons of incoherent fist pumping and drunken shenanigans, MTV has reluctantly made the decision to bring one of its most popularly watched series to an end. For MTV this is a tragedy; having the show that once brought in seven to eight million viewers per episode reduced to struggling for even four or five million. While most television series would kill for this many viewers per episode, the steep downward trend and aging of cast members made it clear it was time to give the Shore one final fist bump.

I can honestly say that hearing about the cancellation was the single best piece of news I think I've ever heard. This is not solely for personal beliefs, but for the overall well-being of society. Partying, drinking and teens getting into trouble is all part of growing up. We've all got our own personal stories related to mischief, whether it is some crazy house party or the night you almost got arrested.

However, the Jersey Shore took illicit behavior to an all-time low.



Image courtesy of MTV.com

It encouraged an entire generation to try to act like their Jersey Shore role models, getting teens into legal trouble and spreading the belief that what's done on this show is morally and socially acceptable.

It would be a lie to say there isn't a party scene at Salisbury. I've been here for not even a month and I'm already aware of that. There are going to be parties, underage consumption of alcohol, drug use and hook-ups wherever you go for college. What worries me personally about Jersey Shore isn't its message being broadcasted to college students. I am most concerned with the younger audiences that were being exposed to this show.

From what I've heard from friends with younger brothers and sisters and from parents with younger children, is that kids in grades as low as fifth and sixth are being exposed to this behavior and are learning at a young age

that this behavior is normal and expected. If these kids start trying to act like the cast of Jersey Shore at that age, imagine what they'll be doing when they're in our shoes. For all the fans of the show out there, I recognize that this may be worse news than that one night the party you were headed to got busted by cops and you had to turn around and walk several miles farther to the other party you had heard about, but in fact there is still hope.

This last season, which premieres on Oct. 4 at 10 p.m., will feature not only the 13 main episodes but will include an additional eight after-shows to ensure a satisfying wrap-up for the fans of Jersey Shore. There is also a possibility that Snooki may have her wedding on MTV for a Jersey Shore wedding special, and there is always the "Snooki & JWOWW" spin-off series. But hopefully, for the good of mankind, those two will be can-

celled shortly.

In all seriousness, Jersey Shore had a reputation for being an extremely successful guilty-pleasure television series full of crazy nights, crazy drama and crazy laughs. From the moment of its launch, the series had a huge following and attracted many individuals to watch the hysterical antics of each individual crew member, all of whom had their own completely unique personality compiling into one legendary group.

Jersey Shore had a good run and created an overwhelming fan base that will never forget the show and its crew members. If you are in fact a Jersey Shore fan, make sure to pay special attention to season six and look forward to upcoming spin-offs and reunions. If you're not a Jersey Shore fan, have fun making jokes to your friends who actually do enjoy the show, and prepare for an era where Jersey Shore does not exist.

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## A tale of two speeches

Republican Mia Love and Democrat Tammy Duckworth give impressive speeches at their respective National Conventions



BY STEVEN CENNAME  
Editorial Editor

The Republican and Democratic national conventions are now over, and the political world is now talking about President Obama and Mitt Romney as well as other politicians who gave excellent convention speeches like Bill Clinton and Condoleezza Rice.

But two speeches that really got my attention were given by Congressional candidates. Democrat Tammy Duckworth and Republican Mia Love both delivered at their party's conventions.

Both of these women are very unique Congressional candidates whose campaigns are very highly invested in by their parties. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois is a Thai-American Iraq War veteran who is a double amputee. Mia Love of Utah is a Mormon, African-American Republican woman. If Love is elected, she would become the first female African-American Republican to serve in Congress.

Tammy Duckworth, a war hero, faces a fairly easy election battle against an unpopular, dead-beat dad incumbent. In her speech, Duckworth criticized Mitt Romney for ignoring the troops by failing to mention the troops or the War in Afghanistan in his convention speech. Duckworth shared her inspirational story about her immigrant parents and about how, at 15, she was the only person in her family who had a job. She also shared her story about how she was one of the first army women to fly combat missions in Iraq. About a year into her service, she lost both of her legs in Iraq.

Duckworth highlighted issues that are important to America's warriors and praised the military policies of the Obama administration, including ending the War in Iraq, killing Osama bin Laden, and ending the discriminatory "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. She also praised Obama for pushing to

allow more women to officially serve in combat jobs. "Don't you think it's time that we stop being surprised that America's daughters are just as capable of doing their jobs and defending liberty as her sons?" Duckworth said.

Mia Love's speech impressed this liberal mainly for one reason. When describing what patriotism meant to her she included, "preserving the beauty of our landscapes." This is the only piece of pro-environmental discussion I heard during the entire Republican convention. In one of her campaign ads, she talks about how much she loves her state of Utah and its scenic landscapes. Typical Republican politicians do not usually talk like that. If she is elected, I hope she breaks with her party on environmental issues and protects those landscapes.

Love is a powerful speaker and was very impressive when she talked about the American Dream.

"The American Dream is our story. It is a story of human struggle, standing up and striving for more. It's been told for over 200 years with small steps and giant leaps; from a woman on a bus to a man with a dream; and the bravery of the greatest generation to the entrepreneurs of today," Love said.

Both speeches were well received by members of the opposing party.

Conservative columnist John Tabin said "Not a chance I'd vote for (Duckworth's opponent) Joe Walsh over this American hero."

Conservative blogger Guy Benson also praised Duckworth's speech saying, "Duckworth gave best speech so far. I agree, Romney should have mentioned Afghanistan during his convention speech."

ThinkProgress, a notable left-leaning website, tweeted "Mia Love is pretty good. The GOP should have given her a better time slot."

There are currently no female Iraq War veterans or female African-American Republicans in Congress, but in the long run their uniqueness is just a bonus. What matters is their commitment to make America stronger. Clearly, both Tammy Duckworth and Mia Love are committed to America.

## You can't always get what you want



BY CHRISTINE KANARAS  
Staff Writer

Fear stepped in as I stood under the spotlight. I knew it was my time to shine and show the director how much this meant to me.

Chills ran down my body as Mr. King played my starting note and said "Are you ready?"

With three faces staring me down, I felt intimidated. After I finished the singing part of my audition, I felt elated because I thought I did very well, especially for how nervous I was. I could finally breathe and relax, feeling confident in the sounds I just produced. But a few minutes later I became anxious to know if I got the part I wanted or not. The fear was back inside of me again.

It turns out that my audition for "Cinderella" went really well and I ended up making callbacks. I was ecstatic. I was the only girl that was called back for every single female lead. In my mind, I could have any role I wanted if I worked hard enough. The nervousness kicked in. When I stepped into the room full of all the other people who made callbacks, I began to feel a little shaky and

I did not know if I would be able to control my voice.

My friend Maura and I were discussing what parts we thought certain people would end up getting. She wanted to be the Fairy Godmother and I had my heart set on the part of Cinderella.

I turned to her and said "We got this Maura." Maura looked at me and smiled. At that moment, I knew we would do great.

Callbacks were long and tiresome. They made me sing parts of every song. I had to act out different scenes. I even had to learn how to ballroom dance. But by the end of callbacks, I had a confident feeling because I did the best I could and I saw that the directors were very interested in me.

I arrived to school early the next morning and was anxious to see the cast list. I felt like a million butterflies were flying around in my stomach. I heard rumors that it was between me and two other girls for the lead role. When I got to the list, I blankly stared at it for five minutes.

Confused. Lost. Broken. Those were the feelings I had when I saw the cast list because I did not get a lead role, but merely got a part as a townspeople. What hurt even more is that the girl I really disliked got the part of Cinderella. She walked up to the cast list as I was standing there staring at it. She screamed from happiness and started jumping around. It was so rude and heartless of her to be

standing there smiling and bragging when she knew I was the one up against her for that part.

I don't think I have ever been angrier than I was at that moment in my life. Many people can relate to the feelings I had because in life, things are not always fair.

I was constantly jealous of the girl that got the part as Cinderella. I would make fun of her behind her back and joke about how awful she was. It hurt even more that so many people were telling me that I deserved that part.

I could not let this disappointment take away my love for the stage and theater in general.

Overall, I was glad that I stayed in the show. I made a lot of great friends and even though my part sucked, I tried to have fun with it. I sang my heart out on the parts that were mine, and I worked hard to perfect all the blocking and choreography. With this positive attitude, I learned to be happy with what I had. It was not worth staying upset, over, and I knew there would be other opportunities to do well and accomplish what I want.

When times are tough, you just have to push through the problems. Eventually, everything will get better. The obstacles that have to be faced throughout life are difficult and sometimes seem unbearable. You just have to keep in mind that you can't always get what you want.



## Battle of the beans



BY AJIA ALLEN  
Staff Writer

Salisbury University has attracted two new high-profile businesses which students, particularly coffee drinkers, will very much enjoy.

After much anticipation, the Sea Gull Square Starbucks is scheduled to open Sept. 27. The other company seeking students' business is 7-Eleven, which will open across Route 13 in the location where Romeo's Pizzeria used to be.

Which of the two will students and morning travelers choose to visit before their daily routines begin?

Starbucks may seem like the obvious victor in this quiet rivalry, but 7-Eleven does have something to offer: cheaper prices. Coffee from Starbucks is famous for its high-quality and is considered worth the three to five dollar cost by many.

Deciding between the two businesses simply will depend on the day a customer is having. A grande caramel macchiato may be what the moment calls for. On the other hand, a small regular decaf with added cream may make the morning just right. Fortunately, both options are available. If worse comes to worse, the best resolution is to enjoy both, providing that personal expenses are generous.

Will the quality of Starbucks or the convenience of 7-Eleven win over coffee drinkers in Salisbury?

Where Starbucks lacks in hourly operation, 7-Eleven makes up for because the franchises are usually open 24 hours. Likewise, Starbucks trumps its close-by competition in known quality of product.

Quality over convenience will be a dominating factor in the decisions made by early morning goers on the way to the office or class. As anticipated by the known convenience store, variety and affordability will immediately attract another wide-eyed, younger consumer base.

Starbucks will more than likely win over the caffeine-addicted faculty, while 7-Eleven is just what students have needed for late night cravings. A variety in snacks and convenience are in fact a college student's late night best friends.

## Wash, rinse, repeat: Life lessons at the laundromat



BY MAKAYLA-COURTNEY MCGEENEY  
Staff Writer

As I spent a free afternoon at the local laundromat, I

stared at the time on the washing machine that read nine minutes left. Nine minutes until I would handle the tangled, saturated pieces of cloth and throw them into a 50 pound limit dryer, then proceed to wait longer. I sat and gazed as the speed of the washing machine increased every few intervals. Then, I started to relate the clothes to my thoughts, and maybe even just life in general.

Articles of clothing are associated together; they're torn up and sewn back into one piece, destroyed and reused, soiled then rewashed. This process can be compared to how people live, or how others are treated.

Then again they could easily be opinions or beliefs. Feelings, emotions and everything else that stresses us out is jumbled up in our heads, and sometimes they disperse, but not as often as we would hope they would. But when they do get released, they're washed up by judgments or under-

standings, then either forgotten or discharged in another context.

On another note, we lay in bed at night going over countless flaws, mistakes, wishes and stress scenarios in which usually never get folded away into some storage space, and what for? In the end, if we worry about ridiculous mistakes and 'could have,' 'would have,' 'should have' moments, we may never reach any type of euphoria. There needs to be a point in time for when we take these internal debates and wring out the negativity so that our minds can eventually rest.

So once the wrinkly clothes sit in the basket at its next destination, we sit there without unraveling the truth, without forgiving, without forgetting and just letting things be how they are. Accepting a matter may or may not even be a factor within this avoidance.

Once someone is ready to flatten out the crinkles and folds, they are finally prepared to store them away, at least until another occurrence. It's unfortunate for some people though, because not everyone can wait a little over a week to get their laundry done outside of their home, this process is easily capable of occurring every day.

## The Israeli who cried "Attack!"



BY THELONIOUS W. WILLIAMS  
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September began with some unsettling news from Iran. On Sept. 1, Iran's deputy nuclear chief announced that Iran's sole nuclear power plant had reached full capacity, according to news network Al Jazeera.

Although this particular plant is not considered a nuclear threat to the West, this announcement once again brings attention to Iran's worrisome nuclear program. Over the past couple of years, Iran has come under attack from the U.S. and Israel over their enrichment of weapons grade uranium. However, President Obama has been rather muted in condemning Iran for its nuclear program.

Albeit, Obama has imposed sanctions and trade embargoes on Iran, but has not called for war as the Israeli president has. According to former CIA Station Chief Robert Grenier's latest article on the crisis, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has stated "options short of war will almost surely be unavailing." The Republican candidate, however, has displayed much greater support for the Prime Minister's position, with Mitt Romney's national se-

curity aide stating in July: "Romney believes that the threat of military action has to be credible in the eyes of the Iranian leadership," as quoted by Al Jazeera. Romney reinforced this view by visiting Israel at the end of July in order to win the support of Jewish-Americans and strengthen ties with the Israeli leadership. Some, including the writers of "The Economist", find Romney's views refreshing. Either way, this next election may very well decide the fate of this very volatile region.

The facts of the situation are very frightening. The leadership of both Israel and Iran have openly called for the destruction of the opposing nation, while neither Netanyahu nor Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad appear to be seeking advice from cooler heads.

Fearing the loss of Israel's nuclear hegemony in the Middle East, Netanyahu has openly called for a strike against Iran's nuclear facilities. In response to this, Iran flexed its "muscles" by successfully test firing a short range missile in early August. This and other missiles could carry nuclear warheads that could strike Israeli and U.S. targets. Iran clearly poses a threat, so why has Obama not openly supported Netanyahu's warmongering?

Greiner said that President Obama has called Netanyahu's bluff. Netanyahu's track record proves that Grenier has made a very accurate assertion. The Israeli Prime Minister has consistently used powerful rhetoric for some time.

In July 2011, as stated in MJ Rosenberg's article, prominent retired CIA operative Robert Baer and former Israeli Intelligence Chief Meir Dagan predicted that Netanyahu was going to attack Iran in the fall of 2011. Obviously, that never happened. Netanyahu is well aware of the fact that he needs U.S. support to completely destroy Iran's well protected, underground nuclear facilities. Plainly put, Netanyahu is crying wolf in the hopes that Obama will listen.

Yet Obama is turning a deaf ear to Netanyahu. Although Iran poses a significant threat to Israel, the U.S. potentially has more at stake. Iran's test firing of a short-range (186 mile) missile highlights the U.S.'s vulnerability to Iranian attack. These missiles could not reach Israel, which is about 621 miles away from Iran, but the U.S. Navy's Fifth Fleet, based in Bahrain, is only 124 miles away.

Iran does possess some long-range missiles, but they are not quite as accurate. The testing of this missile was not Iran's

only warning to the U.S. Iran's military has also warned that "35 U.S. military bases are within Iran's missile range and would be destroyed within seconds after any U.S. attack on Iran," as stated by Al Jazeera.

Furthermore, Iran has previously stated that a U.S. attack would prompt Iran to close the Strait of Hormuz, which traffics a fifth of the world's oil trade. This would drastically raise oil prices, further hurting the U.S.'s already strained economy. Obama's restraint is aimed at avoiding such retaliations against the U.S.

Romney's support of Netanyahu's rhetoric may have large ramifications than just the election. With the increased hostilities of the ensuing Syrian civil war, the Middle East is becoming increasingly unstable. Netanyahu probably wants to take advantage of the situation to strike Iran.

My greatest fear is that Netanyahu will attempt to put Obama in an impossible position by attacking Iran. If Obama supports Netanyahu, Israel gains U.S. support. But, if Obama doesn't, Romney may seize the opportunity to discredit Obama and support his erstwhile Israeli ally. Although Netanyahu has cried attack before, he may be fed up with just "crying."

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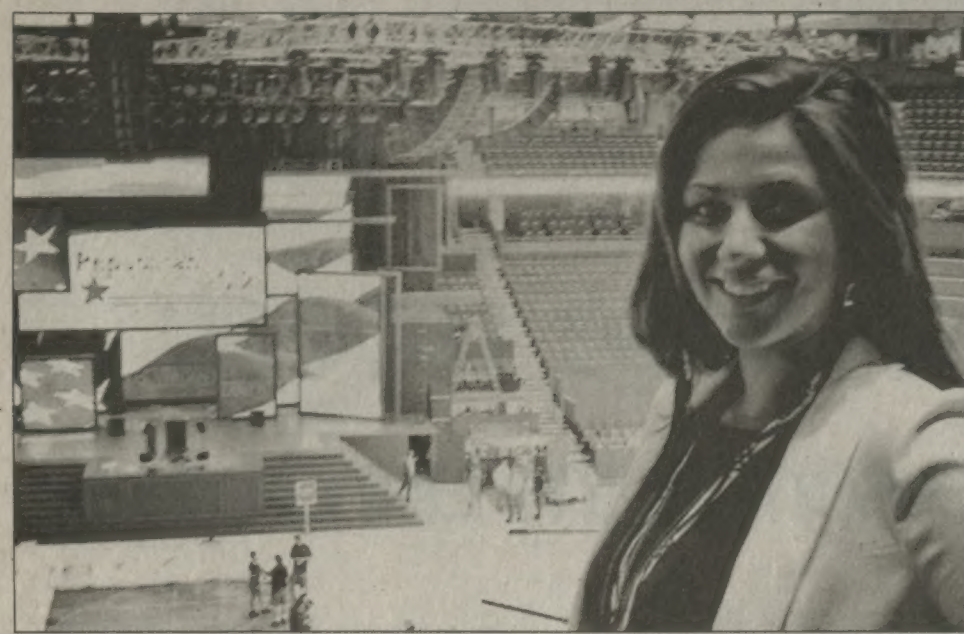
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# Students witness political history at national party conventions



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Salisbury University senior communications majors Jessica Cahill and Chelsea Brown had the opportunity to represent Salisbury University at the Republican and Democratic conventions through the Washington Center for Academic Seminars and Internships. Both students were selected through an essay conducted by the Public Affairs and Civic Engagement program.

Cahill, who interned at the Republican convention in Tampa, Fla. from Aug. 27-30, worked with CNN to help them cover the event. Cahill helped the cameramen and performed technical work such as lighting and sound. She greeted guests and helped associates produce CNN's show Newswroom with news anchor Brooke Baldwin.

"I was very lucky to have my fieldwork placement with CNN," Cahill said. "I saw firsthand how the media reports the conventions."

Cahill said her favorite speakers at the convention were Ann Romney, Paul Ryan, Susana Martinez, Condoleezza Rice and Republican Presidential nominee Mitt Romney. She

said she enjoyed the speakers because she believed they exuded positivity. "I felt that a lot of the speakers were genuine and showed a real care for the country and Americans," Cahill said.

*"Conventions are historic; they do not happen every year. Just to be part of the process was unforgettable."*

Cahill said her passion for politics came from growing up in a politically active family and has grown stronger with time.

"As I get older I realize how more important it is for Americans to be involved," she said. "I wanted to learn and see firsthand how it all comes together. I wanted to see and feel the excitement of supporting a candidate. Conventions are historic; they do not happen every year. Just to be part of the process was unforgettable."

After graduation, Cahill said she hopes to work either in government or the media, noting that she is inspired by media's power in society.



Submitted photo

BY JESSIE KARANGU  
Staff Writer

Senior communications major Chelsea Brown interned at the Democratic National Convention, which took place in Charlotte, N.C. from Sept. 4-6 with the State Department Foreign Press Center, where she helped set up briefings and press conferences.

She got the opportunity to meet and interview various influential figures including Michele Flournoy (Obama for America Advisor and former Undersecretary of Defense for Policy), Colin Kahl (Obama for America Advisor) and Marie Harf (Associate Policy Director for National Security, Obama for America).

*"President Obama came out when Bill Clinton finished and surprised us all, that was an amazing moment I will carry with me forever."*

Brown said her favorite speaker during the convention was former President Bill Clinton.

"He is my favorite President of all

time, and he gave a powerful speech that electrified the full arena," Brown said. "To top it all off, President Obama came out when Bill Clinton finished and surprised us all, that was an amazing moment I will carry with me forever."

Brown's love for politics developed from humble beginnings at the University of Idaho, where she majored in political science.

Brown plans to pursue a career in national and international security. She hopes to stop illegal trafficking of humans, drugs and firearms within and outside the U.S. borders.

Brown expressed gratitude for being able to attend the convention, because it has helped her open new doors.

"I gained great friends through the program, and met some heroes, mentors and professional contacts for jobs and advice in the future."

She also has a message for young people who may have a blind eye for the current election.

"Young people should care about politics, more importantly about the policies, because the decisions made by the elected officials representing us, affect our lives and the lives of future generations to come," Brown said.

## Health Report

Wicomico County unveils prescription drug disposal program

BY SARAH WOODS  
Health Columnist

The Prescription Drug Task Force of Wicomico County announced a new, safe prescription drug disposal program on Aug. 30.

Safe disposal of prescription drugs can prevent children or pets from accidentally ingesting medications. It will also help protect the environment from toxic chemicals.

Local police forces, the Health Department and County Executive Rick Pollitt were all involved in the planning and announcement of the Prescription Drug Disposal Program, which / the Prescription Drug Task Force hopes will prevent medications from being illegally distributed and used.

"By turning in those unused and outdated prescription drugs, we can take a huge step toward preventing their falling into the wrong hands with the accompanying chaos that could bring. I applaud our health department and our law enforcement team for providing this pro-active service to further protect our community," Pollitt said during a press conference.

In addition to preventing prescription drugs from being used illegally, the pro-

gram would also cut down on the number of children affected by accidental ingestion and poisoning each year. In 2011, there were 864 calls to Maryland Poison Control from Wicomico County, and half of those calls were in regards to children under the age of six.

The company that will dispose of the medical waste is Culver Enterprises, which is owned by John Culver.

"I got involved because I am in the medical waste disposal business and it fits into what we do," Culver said during the same press conference. "As a member of the community, I felt we needed to do something more than just pick up waste from doctor's offices and nursing homes. When they said we were doing it, we wanted to be a part of it."

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## French professor offers cultural perspective to students and faculty

BY ASHA AZARIAH-KRIBBS  
Staff Writer

When Marion Duval began teaching at the University of Iowa, the French native had planned to teach ESL, not French.

However when she married, she decided to remain in America and share her culture with others. Duval said that she "(prefers) teaching French to English; I am able to share the culture as well as language and literature with students because I know it well."

Duval has joined the Modern Languages Department this year, sharing her knowledge of the French language and culture with the Salisbury University community. She is teaching Elementary French II, Intermediate and Applied French and Francophone Culture and Civilization II.

Duval said she was surprised by the differences in teaching methodology between American and French universities. "The French system is cheaper than

America's, and you get what you pay for," she said. "I was in a class of six hundred students once. The educational system eliminates one third of these before the year is out. There is no assigned homework (and) no attendance grade. Students succeed solely through their own motivation. There are only two exams per year."

Duval added that the professor-student relationship is more open in America than in France.

"I can get to know the students whereas in France, there are no office hours," Duval said, adding that she could never find her own professors when she needed them. "There are also respect issues in France. American students are more respectful. They are also very smart."

For those interested in learning French, Duval advises students to be actively engaged in learning.

"Come to class every day, do your homework, try to participate," she said. "There are cultural activities you can en-

gage in on campus. You can listen to music, the radio or read an article. These things all help. Set aside an hour to talk with your friends in French or watch a French movie. The library has a great collection of French films. Also, we are showing a few this semester."

For students who want to become familiar with French music, Duval recommends the female singers Yelle, Mika, Vanessa Paradis, M. Chechi and M. Farmer. She says one of the most well-known French movies is "Amélie," although she adds that it might not be the best for students.

"Everyone has heard of 'Amélie,'" Duval said. "It is a good movie, sort of a commercial for Paris, which is fine. It shows beautiful scenes of Paris. However, I don't know if this is best for students."

She said a more realistic film is "La Haine," which means "The Hate." "It is a lot rougher, definitely blacker, but it shows more of what Paris is like in reality," she said.

## ★Sea Gulls★ Sea Gulls★

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## Hunan exchange student experiences SU culture

BY ALEX ROULAC  
Staff Writer

Transferring from Hunan University of Commerce in China to Salisbury University is a rewarding challenge and an opportunity for international student and sophomore Jian Qiu, or Jade as she goes by in America, to pursue her business and marketing goals.

Qiu said she likes to experience various lifestyles, broaden her horizons and that the professors here at the University are willing to help with student needs. She said she really wanted to be an overseas student but was limited by the universities that would accept her credits from China.

"I searched on the internet and found Salisbury University and Ohio State University," Qiu said.

This experience has allowed her to experience a culture different from her own.

"So far, I think I have a great learning and studying experience... here. The people that I've met are very friendly," she said. "I did learn something here, not only about the knowledge that I learned from the school, but also I have learned how to associate with the people that obtain the different culture and educational background."

Jade said she finds the accessibility of computers and technology impressive.

"I like the library because it is so different than any library I ever saw," she said, noting that she was not allowed to print at her university in China.

Qiu noted that one major cul-



Alex Roulac photo

Jian Qiu, aka Jade, is an exchange student from the Hunan University in China.

tural difference between American and Chinese college life is the social aspect.

"We do not have many parties during the weekend," Qiu said. "Sometimes we just open a party for a friend's birthday, and we do not invite some stranger or a student we do not know to join our

parties."

Qiu said she might work in any country after graduation, but she ultimately hopes to pursue a career in theatre management.

"I'm interested in art, so I'm looking forward to work with some artists," she said. "I can help them find the target market."

## Professors, students debate about technology in classroom

BY LINDSAY SIEBERT  
Staff Writer

With the new semester in full swing, some students are left with solemn faces as they turn off their smartphones and put away their laptops at the start of class.

Many professors have included extra clauses in their syllabi prohibiting use of all electronics during class. Some professors say that the use of smartphones, laptops and other media devices are distractions that have no place in a classroom.

"It's simply distracting," said Vinita Agarwal, assistant professor of communication, who requires her students to turn off all cellphones and to blacken all computer screens during her class. "I've found that the use of smartphones and using computers for purposes other than note-taking, hampers the education that students are paying for."

Students who are unhappy with the ban on electronics offer arguments that they want professors and administrators to consider. Some students say that being able to use their smartphones in class would provide them with the ability to look up relevant PDF files, do class research and follow with web pages being discussed in class.

"Laptops make taking notes and paying attention to lecture material so much easier," said senior media production major Michael Riley.

Professors said if the use of a computer was necessary, they would make the sources available to students.

"If there are other resources that would help in a lecture that would require the use of a com-

puter, I incorporate it into that lesson," Agarwal said.

Despite the strong argument from most students, there are still some who agree with professors that ban the electronics.

"I don't think it's necessary to have my phone or laptop in class," said senior psychology major Sarah Schorr. "I will just be causing a major distraction to the majority of the class that isn't on their phone."

Some professors said although some students would be using the technology for academic purposes, there would be too many that would not. "The pedagogical environment affords us a special opportunity for us to be completely focused without interruption from other people or distractions from technological equipment including laptops and smartphones," said Elsie Walker, associate professor of film studies.

Those who argue for media in the classroom mention the fact that they are adults and should be able to make their own decisions regarding what they are doing with their technology in class.

"I understand why teachers prohibit using phones, but I mean I still do it," said senior journalism major Molly Feldman. "I think they should at least be allowed to be on in case of emergency."

A study by StudyBlue, a digital study tool website, suggested that technology can make students more efficient outside the classroom. According to the study, students with smartphones are twice as likely to study between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. and three times more likely to track their progress. Additionally, mobile students study 40 more minutes each week.

## New season, changing fashion

BY AMANDA WISHNIE  
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again when the leaves are falling, the weathers changing and, of course, fall fashions are in the air.

Although excitement for less humid days are prompt, the real wonder is what the new fall trends will be. With a never-ending cycle of reoccurring style, fashion experts are saying that the unforgettable retro sixties is about to take its second round with a little military kick.

Now that school is in full swing, Salisbury University students will blend their own personal style with the upcoming fall fashions.

With a whole new freshmen class coming in, everyone is not only bringing their own sense of style but also incorporating the repetitive necessity of jeans, leggings,

sweaters and comfortable tops.

Freshmen Julie Blair said the effort she puts toward her style depends on the time of day that she has class.

"If I have an 8 a.m. then it's a no brainer I will be rolling out of bed, but if I have a night class then I have more time to dress how I want," she said.

Besides worrying about writing that four-page paper, students' minds tend to slip to more exciting things like online shopping.

"I really love the new trends for this fall, and the fact that all of my favorite websites have adorable military themed jackets, floral pants and unforgettable shoes," said junior Emily Rojas.

Fall is associated with that cool breeze, warm air, big sweater, brown boots and vibrant scarves. Now that there

is a new trend blowing in, fashion-lovers will have to wait and see how the SU campus embraces these new fashions.

*Tweet us your favorite fall fashion trends!*

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tweet of the week



## CLUB spotlight

The Collegiate Entrepreneurs Orgnaization

BY TAYLOR LINKER  
Staff Writer

Business-savvy students looking for ways of expanding their networking do not have to look very far.

The Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization of Salisbury University provides opportunities for students interested in starting their own business.

Several SU students and grads from CEO have been inspired to apply their business skills to the real world.

Zack Kline, winner of the 2011 Bernstein Plan Competition and former SU student, owns A.I.R. Lawn Care (atmosphere improvement and renewal), a yard maintenance service with a go-green initiative. A.I.R. uses electric-powered equipment that is charged from a solar panel.

Kline already has 20 clients and has created important partnerships with eco-friendly companies like STIHL, a manufacturing company that specializes in handheld power equipment.

Senior accounting major and Vice President of Internal Affairs Nicole Sanger has been the manager of Icy Delight, a snowball stand in her hometown of Dundalk, Md., since 2009 when she was only 17 years old.

Before becoming a member, Sanger was asked to speak at a CEO meeting about her experience of owning a business.

"I think (CEO) is such an amazing group of people to be con-

nected with," Sanger said. "During CEO meetings throughout the semester last spring, we would all talk together and bounce ideas off of one and other for business plans and ideas."

The Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization holds events to help members develop their professional and personal skills, often bringing in guest speakers.

"We are an organization devoted to encourage, motivate and inspire those who thrive on the idea of starting a business via networking and allocating resources and tools," said Lori Defner, junior accounting and information systems major and vice president of networking. "(CEO) is a great networking opportunity to meet other fellow students who share similar entrepreneurial spirit," Defner said.

### MORE INFORMATION

Meetings are bi-weekly Tuesdays in Perdue Hall 275  
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# Environmental studies department helps save planet

BY JASMINE CLAY  
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Gone are the days where science means only biology and chemistry.

As of July 1, the environmental studies program received accreditation to officially become its own independent department on campus.

When looking on the website, students can now go to the list of majors and find a checklist for environmental studies, instead of being filed under history. They can find a list of 12 faculty members teaching a complete set of classes that are geared to students' wants and needs, making it the fastest-growing major on campus.

William Nelson and Michael Lewis are just two of the professors who believe these students need to be working together, creating positive synergy. The goal for the department is to have more students coming in taking classes in different areas.

The environmental studies department offers environmental art, wetlands research, policy regulation, geography, earth literacy, advocacy and more. They've even partnered with University of Maryland Eastern Shore for a dual degree program in environmental and marine science. Those who want to add a minor will be interested to know the department offers an outdoor

education minor as well.

Plenty of environmental opportunities exist at SU outside of the majors. Gulls Going Green, Outdoor Club, Gardening Club and Bio Environs are all student-run clubs with open membership for all of those who share a passion in helping the Earth.

The Gardening Club began just last spring with the goal of creating and maintaining the vegetable garden by Camden and College Avenues as well as having community outreach with local restaurants, farms and schools.

Established by senior environmental studies majors Jessica Johnson and Jillian Parisi, Gulls Going Green has opened the eyes of a community previously lacking awareness. They have paved the way for Plato's Plate, the vegetarian station at Commons and continue to focus on local activism.

"We're bringing (local activism) back to campus and increasing students' desire to help out and see their own change," Johnson said.

The changes are as simple as biking instead of driving and recycling when able. With the help of their energetic professors, environmental students have been able to conduct research and complete projects such as the Bateman bike path, city recycling and storm drains.

"Promoting and creating a more sustainable campus ... this is our goal each year. One big project we have is to make

use of the Gull Card at the farmers market so students can easily shop there and support local farmers," Parisi said.

The environmental department has seen students succeed on campus and in the Salisbury community. With professors' encouragement and the students' knowledge, the environmental students are also doing big things around the world.

Five EPA fellowships have been awarded in the last three years and environmental students are finding internships allowing them to pursue careers in their fields. SU Environmental students also present yearly at National Conference on Undergraduate Research and have been helping with faculty research on Brazilian deforestation and Chesapeake Bay policy science.

"We are currently working hard on creating an on-campus organic farm," Nelson said.

"Ultimately the goal is to minimize our ecological footprint and expand networking."

There are opportunities for the environmental student who is not afraid of exploration. The department goes on trips to the Nanticoke and Pocomoke River, Cedar and Assateague Island as well as numerous wildlife refuges.

Visit the department's website to get a more in-depth glance at the courses and trips offered, career opportunities and stories of adventures environmental students have recently experienced.



Shia LaBeouf's new film, "Lawless"

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Indie director John Hillcoat, takes viewers on a ride, in a souped-up Ford, down the back roads of Prohibition-era Virginia in his new film, "Lawless." The crime drama that hit theaters Aug. 29, stars Shia LaBeouf, Jessica Chastain, and "Dark Knight Rises" actors Tom Hardy and Gary Oldman.

Based on Matt Bondurant's true story, "The Wettest County in the World," Hillcoat adapts the bloody narrative to fit the mold of a western standoff between the bootlegging Bondurant brothers and the band of gangster-led cops threatening the family's moonshine business. Add a comic-like villain of a 'special deputy,' played by Guy Pearce, and a burlesque-dancer-turned-waitress love interest, played by Chastain, and you've got a recipe for a violent hangover.

Don't make the mistake of having a three-course dinner date before watching "Lawless." Be prepared to see human brutality at its finest, all for the sake of Forrester Bondurant's (Hardy) love of freedom from law, Chicago's mobs and corrupt lawmen's love of money. Tarantino lovers will get their jollies from scenes glorifying Colombian neckties, tarring and feathering with classic gangster cruelty worthy of "Reservoir Dogs."

Superior acting sets this tale apart from other Prohibition films. LaBeouf digs beyond his Disney counterpart to deliver a surprisingly believable Jack Bondurant, the

youngest brother who struggles with living in his brothers' shadows.

It is Hardy, however, that steals the show. Through his Bane-like moans and groans, he captures the mythical Bondurant brother that uses his brass knuckles more than his tongue. It is this mysterious passion for blood that is most magnetizing.

Despite exceptional acting from the Brothers, one cannot help but to notice the missed opportunities left rolling through the credits. Chastain as a one-dimensional flame is truly disappointing after seeing her shine in "The Help," and Gary Oldman as the tommy-gun carrying mob boss is nothing more than a blink-and-you'll-miss-it cameo.

Often, the hardcore action in the film is just that. The plot seems to be there for all intensive purposes only. The action is where the true heart of the film lies.

The bottom line is that "Lawless" is worth trading a meal at Plaza Tapatia for a movie ticket. Heavy backwoods accents, pulp violence and raw suspense will be almost as gut-wrenching as a swig of Bondurant's infamous moonshine. "Lawless" is rated R by the MPAA and has a running time of 110 minutes.

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## First year experience: The difference between freshmen and transfers

BY RACHEL THURMAN  
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Between the essay, overwhelming amount of information and the excruciating long wait for an answer, every college student remembers the exciting and difficult moment when they apply to their favorite college.

Many freshmen have just finished up their first week of classes and are on their way to a degree. Yet transfers, who Admissions Director Beth Skoglund said make up approximately 40 percent of the incoming fall class each year, underwent a fundamentally different experience before classes began. Although Salisbury University does offer some opportunities to accommodate these students, many transfer students claim they are not granted quite the same foundation of events and orientations.

Freshman Kate Forte said the school kept her busy the weekend before classes, allowing her to get to know her classmates and become acquainted with the campus.

"There were information sessions, plays by RAs and a foam party one night," she said. New students also had an option of getting a tour of the campus and figuring out exactly where their classes were. Every day was mapped out and included tons of free giveaways and activities.

On the other end of the spectrum, junior history major transfer from Frederick Com-

munity College Kevin Gammell said he does not believe the transfer students have the same kind of events and opportunities.

"Overall I think that the way transfer students are treated is much different than the incoming freshmen," he said.

The SU website gave no information about a transfer student weekend, only preview, which involved signing up for classes, receiving a Gull Card and a ten-dollar meal coupon. SU does offer an outdoor summer program but "priority is given to first time freshmen students, transfer students with less than 36 credits can request to sign up for an outdoor program on a space available basis," according to the website.

A 2009 study from the Pew Research Center yielded support for the other side of the issue: Transfer students, on average, tend to be more prepared for college life and may not need the extra orientation.

Yet transfer student Abbey DeTroye, also from FCC, said while SU might not necessarily mean to alienate transfer students, a lot could be done so they do not feel so unprepared. "I feel like I did not get enough information from Salisbury, but I didn't really ask for it either," she said. "I would enjoy at least a small orientation just to make sure I know where everything is."

As an elementary education major, DeTroye said she did not feel she was prepared for her higher level courses.

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## Sea Gulls fall short in rivalry game

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"We are, Sea Gulls" the crowd chanted loud and proud as the Salisbury University football team took the field. As kickoff began at 6:00 p.m. on Sept. 8, the intensity was up and the pressure was on between rivals Wesley College and SU. Third ranked Wesley Wolverines took on the sixth ranked Gulls at Sea Gull Stadium and brought nothing to the table but speed and a well-prepared offense. Fortunately, for the Wolverines, the Gulls couldn't combat and fell to Wesley 17-7 in the night home opener.

Head coach Sherman Wood is entering his 14th season with the Salisbury University football program. Wood holds the record for all-time wins as the head coach in program history with a combined record of 92-46 through his 13 seasons. In 2011, Wood led SU into the deepest run in the NCAA tournament before falling to the eventual national champion, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. However, because his great coaching skills, Wood was named American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Region I Coach of the Year. This game between Wesley and Salisbury will be the 23rd in the all-time series between the schools.

Wesley leads the series 15-7, which began the rivalry on November 8th, 1986. The Gulls are 4-8 overall versus the Wolverines when playing at home.

To start the game, the Sea Gulls would receive the ball and defend the north end-zone. Early in the first quarter, senior quarterback Dan Griffin found the hands of senior receiver Ross Flanigan for a 28 yard completion and a first down. With the clock nearing 10:31, Dan Griffin was sacked with a loss of nine yards.

"I could have done a lot of things better such as finishing drives and putting more points on the board" said Griffin.

A lightning delay halted the game 40 minutes, but that did not suppress the Wolverines offense in the least bit. Coming out of stoppage, senior Wesley quarterback Justin Sottolare finds Matt Barile on 3 and 9 for a 25-yard gain to the Salisbury 31 yard line to start the drive strong. With 4:45 minutes remaining Justin Sattilare completes a 17 yard pass to Ryan Gerlitz for a Wesley touchdown. With the kick attempt good, the Wolverines were up 7-0.

During the second quarter, junior safety Greg Stanton intercepted Sottolare at the Wesley 42 yard line, returning it 10 yards to give Salisbury dominate field position. However, four plays later, Dwayne Glass and Jordan Wescott sacked Griffin to turn the ball over on downs, losing a total of 11 yards for Salisbury.

Rushing leaders for the Wolverines, Askia



Justin Odendhal photo

The SU football team charges out onto the field to play against the Wesley Wolverines.

Jahad and Devar Robinson, put Wesley in a good position to score at the goal line with a 12-play, eight-minute possession. Senior Matt McMurdo stopped the possession by intercepting the ball and also snagging his first career interception right before half time.

After 69 passing yards by Sottolare getting the ball to Jahad and Barile on multiple occasions, Wesley opens up the lead to 10-0 after a Dan Tryon hit a 23-yard field goal with 7:31 left in the third quarter. This would end a drive where the Wolverines held the ball for nearly 15 minutes after 14 plays and 74 yards. Senior running back Joe Benedetti rushed for 21 yards but could not seem to find the in zone to get on the board.

After a Salisbury possession of 8 plays and 82 yards, Griffin finds the hands of his classmate senior wide receiver Juma Richards for a 19 yard touchdown with 6:14 minutes to go in the fourth quarter.

"That touchdown that I scored really pulled the crowd together when everyone thought the game was over. It really uplifted the spirits of the crowd and my teammates" said Richards.

With the kick good, the score is now 10-7



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Sophomore WR Isaiah Taylor (21) and senior SL Ross Flanigan (12)

and Salisbury has gotten on the board for the first time during the game. "I think we could have used our opportunities more wisely and held possession of the ball more" said Coach Wood. "The weather was nice until the lightning alert and we could have used that time to get on the board."

Despite the efforts of the Gulls, Wesley came right back and scored off a rush of 15 yards from Askia Jahad who extended the lead. With the kick from Dan Tryon a success, the Wolverines win the game 17-7. Overall,

Senior slot Ross Flanigan ran for 138 yards and senior quarterback Dan Griffin threw for 124 yards and a touchdown. Senior running back Joe Benedetti, who rushed for 216 yards and four scores at Christopher Newport University, was held to 44 yards by the Wesley defense. Greg Stanton had a team high total of eight tackles and one interception.

Be sure to catch the next home game as Salisbury remains home to host North Carolina Wesleyan College next Saturday at 1 p.m.

## Athlete Spotlight

### Victoria Luc



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BY ANDREW CANTOR  
Staff Writer

Victoria Luc has been an absolute asset so far for the Salisbury University women's soccer team. She opened up her SU career with two goals against SUNY Buffalo on Sept. 1. The Pasadena, Maryland native took time to answer some questions for *The Flyer*.

How did you pick Salisbury University?

I picked Salisbury because it was close to home and had the level of soccer I wanted to play for. Also, the nursing program is very popular and highly regarded.

What is your favorite part about college so far? My favorite part of college is meeting new people and making new friends in my dorm.

How was the offseason conditioning?

Offseason conditioning required hard work, it is a lot of running, but you need to do it to be prepared for the fitness test.

How has the transition been from high school soccer to collegiate soccer?

The transition from high school soccer to collegiate soccer was definitely hard. It is much more challenging and requires a lot of dedication.

You have had a big impact on the team thus far, what do you attribute to your success?

To be honest I attribute my success to taking advice from the coaches and upperclassman. I work as hard as I can and hopefully some good can come out of it.

## Field hockey gains win over Captains

BY COREY SZNAJDER  
Staff Writer

The No. 4 ranked Salisbury Sea Gulls field hockey team was faced with a tough challenge on Thursday night against the No. 17 ranked Christopher Newport Captains, but they managed to rise to the occasion by edging out a 3-2 victory. However, the win didn't come easily, as the Captains really made Salisbury work hard to earn this win.

"We weren't really contested that much in our first two games of the season," Head Coach Dawn Chamberlain said. "Christopher Newport is a great program and this game served as a good way to make us work harder."

Things got off to a tough start for the Gulls as Christopher New-

port's junior attacker Marlene Lichty scored 55 seconds into the contest to give the Captains an early lead. The struggles would continue for Salisbury for the rest of the half as they were kept off the score sheet and outshot 5-4.

"We had some good opportunities in the first half but not enough shots," Chamberlain said. "I told them to not pass up as many chances in the second half and focus on getting more shots on goal."

This strategy evidently paid off as the Sea Gulls came out much stronger in the second half with three unanswered shots in the first 10 minutes and sophomore midfielder Summer Washburn evening the score with her first goal of the season.

"It felt really good to get one there to help change the momentum of the game," Washburn said.

Senior forward Erica Henderson would give SU the lead less than three minutes later with her third goal of the year and freshman forward Jessica Crew would soon follow to give SU a two-goal cushion. Despite a late goal from the Captains, Salisbury would not relinquish this lead and took home their third win of the season on the back of a solid defensive effort in the final ten minutes.

"Things kind of broke down for us in the first half but we really started to come together in the second half and play better as a team," Henderson said.

The win improves the Gulls to 3-0 on the season and they will look

to keep things rolling when they go on the road to play Messiah College on Saturday, Sept. 15. Their

next home game will be against Catholic University on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m.



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Senior forward Melissa Sloum battles for the ball against Christopher Newport.

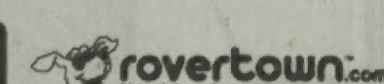
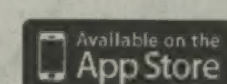
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## Women's soccer contains Shenandoah for the victory

BY GEORGE KIRIAZOGLU  
Staff Writer

After a disappointing loss on the road to Richard Stockton College last Wednesday, the Salisbury women's soccer team was able to bounce back with a 3-0 win over Shenandoah University on Saturday. Salisbury improves their record to 3-1.

The Sea Gulls were able to keep possession of the ball for the most part of the game and attacked the goal effectively. On the opposite side of the ball, the defense remained very aggressive and shut down Shenandoah's ability to score. The defense was lead by an array of players starting with senior Bonnie Sandone, sophomore Jamie Hovendon, and freshmen Tabitha Brown and Heather Deamond. Shenandoah had a few opportunities to score in the game, but the

defense and goalkeeper came up big when they needed to. "We were very confident, practiced hard this week, and were ready to go," said sophomore goalkeeper Michelle Conrad.

The Sea Gulls started off the match with a lot of confidence and an urge to win. In the beginning of the first half SU was the first to strike. Junior midfielder Alex Gower scored the first goal off a rebound on a corner kick. This gave SU a 1-0 lead over the Shenandoah Hornets. The Gulls would continue on their scoring run as sophomore forward Morgan Brach ran down the right side of the field and received an excellent pass from freshman defender Heather Deamond and then put the ball right by the Shenandoah goalie, increasing the Salisbury lead to 2-0 going into halftime. Going into the second half of play

Salisbury was sitting comfortable with their 2-0 lead and continued to do what they knew best, controlling the ball and setting up attacks on the goal. This would ultimately allow Salisbury scoring to come at ease.

Another Salisbury goal would happen again when freshman forward Jenna DeLetto ran down the left side of the field, cut to the right and slid the ball right passed the Hornet goalie and increased the Salisbury lead once again to 3-0 in the 62 minute of play. Maintaining possession of the ball was the key in the Sea Gull victory. "Maintaining possession allowed us to control the midfield, and create scoring opportunities," said coach Nestor, now in his 12th year as head coach. The Salisbury Women's Soccer Team continues to improve and will be hosting Messiah College next Saturday at 1 p.m.



Justin Odendhal photo

Freshman forward Jenna DeLetto dribbles the ball away from a Shenandoah University player.



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Junior forward Colleen O'Connell leaps to kick the ball in the game against Shenandoah.

## Volleyball blanked by CNU Captains

BY BRETT ZIMMERMAN  
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Tuesday night's volleyball contest against the nation's top ranked Christopher Newport University was anything but easy for the Salisbury University Sea Gulls. The Sea Gulls were blanked 3-0 by the CNU Captains in front of a wild crowd at Maggs Gymnasium.

The score appeared to be lopsided, but SU made the match much closer than what the final result came out to be. The three sets played were each decided by less than three points respectively.

CNU opened the first set with a quick 8-12 run, but not before SU answered back with an 8-2 rally after Coach Margie Knight called a timeout. Salisbury took a 16-14 lead after that point, but then CNU prevailed by winning 23-25.

Senior Carley Todd was a huge factor for the Seagulls

with 11 assists and five digs during the first set.

"I was just trying to be consistent. Consistency was everything," said Todd. Todd finished the game with a game-high 22 assists.

Trailing 0-1, SU previous loss carried over into the second set as the Seagulls found themselves down 4-9 just moments after intermission. Once again, Salisbury would rally to a 20-20 tie before things began to heat up. An unusually long and eventful volley caused the crowd to jump to its feet and roar loudly during the 21 point.

"I just kept playing and knew we had to win this point. When we scored, it was just like pure bliss," sophomore Mattie Smith said. Salisbury would win the hard earned point, but would then surrender four of the final five points and lose the set 22-25.

Down 0-2 with their backs

against the wall, the Sea Gulls knew they had to win the third set in order to have any chance at winning the match.

"I have nowhere to go. Do you guys have anywhere to go? Let's just keep playing and try our best to win" Knight said to her team.

Knight's words inspired the Seagull players as they jumped out to a 12-6 lead. The game would go back and forth for the majority of the set, until SU found themselves trailing 22-23 in the final moments. Despite a valiant effort by the Seagulls, CNU would take the next three points and win the set 23-25.

"You see these final scores? One play better by each player could have changed the game," Margie Knight said. Salisbury will travel to Allentown, PA where they will face Moravian in the Muhlenberg Tournament, beginning Sept. 7.



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